

Gunmen Kill Three Policemen, One Other in Kwara

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Gunmen suspected to be bandits yesterday killed four persons including three policemen at Babanla community in Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State.

The incident according to THISDAY checks happened during a routine meeting of the Babanla's vigilante group.

It was gathered that the armed bandits were said to have reportedly targeted the local police station, attempted to loot grocery shops and a hotel, and fired indiscriminately.

The development it was further learnt forced the residents of the town to flee into nearby bushes for safety.

Sources close to the community told journalists yesterday that, during the attack, three policemen and one other were reportedly killed by the suspected bandits before they escaped into the bush.

Sources added that men of the Nigerian Army who were on security mission to the town were said to have responded swiftly, repelling the attackers and mounting a security cordon around the community.

Contacted, a senior police officer at the Divisional Police Headquarters at Share town who sought anonymity confirmed the incident.

He however said that, "We have notified the state police command on the ugly incident and the command would give further details on it soon."

Also, a Government House statement issued in Ilorin yesterday signed by the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Mr. Rafiu Ajakaye, commended the army, police, and community vigilante members for their quick intervention.

The statement added that Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq has been in constant touch with security commanders and local vigilante leaders, and has ordered a sustained security lockdown of the area to neutralise the threat and protect residents.